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6 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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10 JOHN GZIKOWSKI,)
11 Petitioner,) No. C 08-3652 TEH (PR)
12 vs.) ORDER OF TRANSFER
13 DEBRA DEXTER, Warden,)
14 Respondent.)
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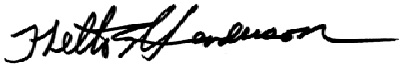
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16 On July 30, 2008, Petitioner, a state prisoner incarcerated at Ironwood State
17 Prison in Blythe, California, filed a pro se petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28
18 U.S.C. § 2254 challenging the California Board of Prison Terms' ("BPT") decision to
19 deny him parole. Petitioner has paid the filing fee. Ironwood State Prison is located
20 within Riverside County, which lies within the Central District of California. See id. §
21 84(b).

22 Venue is proper in a habeas action in either the district of conviction or the
23 district of confinement, id. § 2241(d). However, the district of confinement is the
24 preferable forum to review the execution of a sentence, including parole. See Habeas
25 L.R. 2254-3(a); Dunne v. Henman, 875 F.2d 244, 249 (9th Cir. 1989); cf. Laue v.
26 Nelson, 279 F. Supp. 265, 266 (N.D. Cal. 1968) (district of conviction preferable forum
27 to review conviction). Because the County of Riverside lies in the Central District of
28 California, the Court orders that pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a) and Habeas Local Rule

1 2254-3(b), and in the interest of justice, this petition be transferred to the United States
2 District Court for the Central District of California forthwith.

3 SO ORDERED.

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5 DATED: 08/21/08



THELTON E. HENDERSON
United States District Judge